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REMARKS:**Pending Claims**

Claims 5, 6, 53-58, 71-74, 94-102, 106-122, and 128-140 have been cancelled without prejudice thereto in order to respond to the restriction requirement while preserving Applicant's ability to pursue the claims in divisional applications. New claims 141-148 correspond to elected invention of Group IV.

Election/Restrictions

A restriction requirement was made in the above-referenced case as follows:

- I. Claims 5-6, 53-58, 94-102 and 106-120 drawn to a device for managing respiration of a patient, classified in class 607, subclass 42.
- II. Claims 71-74, drawn to a method of comparing characteristics of a breath to desired characteristics, classified in class 600, subclass 529
- III. Claims 121-122, drawn to a method of controlling partial pressure of carbon dioxide in the patient's blood, classified in class 600, subclass 538.
- IV. Claims 123-127, drawn to a device for providing stimulation with information from an intrinsic breath, classified in class 607, subclass 42.
- V. Claims 132-140, drawn to a method for providing stimulation with respect to baseline inspiration duration, classified in class 607, subclass 42.

In a phone conversation with Examiner Alter on May 30, 2007, the Examiner clarified the restriction of claims 128-131 as belonging to Group I.

Applicant's Election

Applicant elects the claims corresponding to Group IV including claims 123-127 and new claims 141 to 148.

Conclusion

Applicant accordingly submits that claims 123-127 and 141-148 are in condition for

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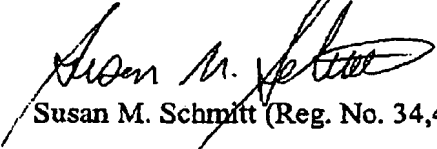
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allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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